

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In compliance with the Revised Amendment Format, the text of all claims under examination is submitted, and the status of each is identified. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claim in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An iron-type golf club head ~~system~~ comprising:
 - a face including a golf-ball-striking surface with a center portion, said face having an opposing rear surface;
 - a heel having an upwardly extending hosel for receiving one end of an elongated shaft;
 - a toe opposite and taller in height than the heel, the face being interposed the toe and the heel;
 - a sole interposed the heel and the toe and disposed below the face;
 - a top-line interposed the heel and the toe and superposed the sole and the face;
 - a back ~~defined by a second plane which is inclined relative to the first plane defining the face, the back being~~ opposite the face and having a ~~single open~~ cavity extending toward the face and ~~covering a majority of the back, the cavity having a first larger portion adjacent the toe and a second smaller portion adjacent the heel;~~
 - a peripheral belt surrounding the cavity of the back and including a toe perimeter portion, a heel perimeter portion, a sole perimeter portion, a top-line perimeter portion and junction perimeter portions interposed adjacent ones of the toe, heel, sole and top-line perimeter portions, wherein a majority of the weight of the club head is disposed within the peripheral belt; and

a single bridge member superposed a portion of the cavity, spaced away from said rear surface of said face, and disposed along the second plane defining the back, the bridge member comprising a first end attached to one of the top-line, heel, toe, sole and junction perimeter portions and a second end attached to one of the top-line, heel, toe, sole and junction perimeter portions;

wherein the trajectory of a ball struck by the center of the golf ball-striking surface of the face is influenced by the location of the center of mass of the bridge member relative to the center of mass of the club head absent the bridge member.

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33. (New) A method of making an iron-type golf club head comprising the steps of:

providing an iron-type, solid body golf club head comprising a substantially planar face having a golf ball-striking surface with a center portion, a back opposite the face having a cavity extending toward the face, a peripheral belt having respective perimeter portions connecting the face and the back and surrounding the cavity;

providing a single bridge member having first and second ends; and

attaching the first and second ends of the bridge member to a perimeter portion of the peripheral belt in combinations, respectively, selected from a group consisting of the top-line perimeter portion and the toe perimeter portion, the top-line perimeter portion and the heel perimeter portion, the top-line perimeter portion and a junction perimeter portion, the sole perimeter portion and the heel perimeter portion, the sole perimeter portion and a junction perimeter portion, the heel perimeter portion and a junction perimeter portion, the toe perimeter portion and a junction perimeter portion, the heel perimeter portion and the toe perimeter portion and a first junction perimeter portion and a second junction perimeter portion so as to place the center of mass of the bridge member in a predetermined location different from the location of the center of mass of the club head absent the bridge member such that the bridge member superposes a portion of the cavity, is spaced from the back opposite the face, and the position of the bridge member relative to the center of mass of the club head influences the trajectory of a ball struck by the club head.

34. (New) A method of making an iron-type golf club head as defined in claim 33, wherein said bridge member comprises a first metal and a second metal.

35. (New) A method of making an iron-type golf club head as defined in claim 34, wherein the density of said first metal is lower than the density of said second metal.

36. (New) A method of making an iron-type golf club head as defined in claim 34, wherein said first metal is disposed adjacent said first end of said bridge member and said second metal is disposed adjacent said second end of said bridge member.

37. (New) A method of making an iron-type golf club head as defined in claim 34, wherein at least a portion of said second metal is surrounded by said first metal.

38. (New) A method of making an iron-type golf club head as defined in claim 34, wherein said first metal and said second metal are substantially coextensive.

39. (New) A method of making an iron-type golf club head as defined in claim 33, wherein the weight of said bridge member is about 8-20% of the total weight of said club head.

40. (New) A system for influencing the trajectory of a golf ball struck by an iron-type golf club head comprising:

an iron-type, solid body golf club head comprising a substantially planar face having a golf ball-striking surface with a center portion, a back opposite the face having a cavity extending toward the face, a peripheral belt having respective perimeter portions connecting the face and the back and surrounding the cavity; and a single bridge member superposing a portion of the cavity and spaced from the back opposite the face, the bridge member comprising first and second ends each attached to a perimeter portion of the peripheral belt in combinations, respectively, selected from a group consisting of the top-line perimeter portion and the toe perimeter portion, the top-line perimeter portion and the heel perimeter portion, the top-line perimeter portion and a junction perimeter portion, the sole perimeter portion and the heel perimeter portion, the sole perimeter portion and a junction perimeter portion, the heel perimeter portion and a junction perimeter portion, the toe perimeter portion and a junction perimeter portion, the toe perimeter portion and the heel perimeter portion and a first junction perimeter portion and a second junction perimeter portion so as to place the center of mass of the bridge member in a predetermined location different from the location of the center of mass of the club head absent the bridge member;

wherein the trajectory of a ball struck by the golf ball striking surface is influenced by the position of the bridge member relative to the center of mass of the club head.

41. (New) A system for influencing the trajectory of a golf ball struck by an iron-type golf club head as defined in claim 40, wherein said bridge member comprises a first metal and a second metal.

42. (New) A system for influencing the trajectory of a golf ball struck by an iron-type golf club head as defined in claim 41, wherein the density of said first metal is lower than the density of said second metal.

43. (New) A system for influencing the trajectory of a golf ball struck by an iron-type golf club head as defined in claim 41, wherein said first metal is disposed adjacent said first end of said bridge member and said second metal is disposed adjacent said second end of said bridge member.

44. (New) A system for influencing the trajectory of a golf ball struck by an iron-type golf club head as defined in claim 41, wherein at least a portion of said second metal is surrounded by said first metal.

45. (New) A system for influencing the trajectory of a golf ball struck by an iron-type golf club head as defined in claim 41, wherein said first metal and said second metal are substantially coextensive.

46. (New) A system for influencing the trajectory of a golf ball struck by an iron-type golf club head as defined in claim 40, wherein the weight of said bridge member is about 8-20% of the total weight of said club head.

47. (New) An iron-type golf club head system as defined in claim 1, wherein said bridge member comprises a first metal and a second metal.

48. (New) An iron-type golf club head system as defined in claim 47, wherein the density of said first metal is lower than the density of said second metal.

49. (New) An iron-type golf club head system as defined in claim 47, wherein said first metal is disposed adjacent said first end of said bridge member and said second metal is disposed adjacent said second end of said bridge member.

50. (New) An iron-type golf club head system as defined in claim 47, wherein at least a portion of said second metal is surrounded by said first metal.

51. (New) An iron-type golf club head system as defined in claim 47, wherein said first metal and said second metal are substantially coextensive.